



ATTACHMENT B

Amendments to the Specification

Please replace paragraph [0013] with the following amended paragraph:

In FIGS. 1 and 3, carriage 1 carries the posterior folder, the pusher and the mobile gripper for the clamping of the film. The carriage 1 has, for example, a flat conformation, which ~~is inferiorly ribbed~~ has a lower ribbed portion, and ~~has a plant shape which is substantially rectangular~~ shape. Small wheels 2 are provided at the ends of the carriage 1, which run in corresponding horizontal slots, (not shown), fixed to the frame of the machine and parallel to the rectilinear actuator 3 visible in FIG. 3, driven by a step motor controlled by a computer of the machine and to the movable element of which is connected in a known manner. With numeral references 4, 4' there are shown the pairs of slide cams which run in corresponding horizontal guides, of known type, which act on the lateral grippers of the packaging machines and which are not further described as such a description is unrelated to the understanding of the present invention.

Please replace paragraph [0014] with the following amended paragraph:

The front of the carriage 1, which is turned in the discharging direction of the packaged product, is provided with a wide symmetrical recess 5 which is occupied by the flat and posterior folder 6, shown with dash and dot line of FIG. 1, fixed with screws 7 and made with any suitable and/or, if required, treated material in such a manner to have a low coefficient of friction with respect to the packaging film and whose anterior edge 106, which is conveniently projecting from the carriage 1 and which is

parallel to this one, is suitably bevelled. The carriage 1 carries integral, under the folder 6 and in median position, a small raised wall 101 which ~~has a~~ is ~~posteriorly~~ ribbed surface, provided with a pair of through holes to which may be pressure coupled the connection appendices of a little rubber cap, downwardly open, which is partially surmounting the folder 6 and which acts like a yielding hold up or contrast means to posteriorly push the product during the finishing phase of the packaging and during the translation toward the discharging station of the machine.

Please replace paragraph [0016] with the following amended paragraph:

The ~~posterior~~ fork terminal end 112 of the upper jaw 12 of the gripper P supports, with the interposition of eccentric bushes 13, the ends of a pivot 14 which is parallel to the shaft 10 and upon which there is rotatably assembled a bearing 15. An end portion of the shaft 17 is rotatably supported in a position parallel to the same shaft 10 by the interposition of bushes 16. An eccentric element 19 made of suitable material is keyed by means of a grub screw 18. The eccentric element 19 has a cylindrical shape, which co-operates, on one side with an upper bar 112' of the fork terminal end 112 and which, with another portion, which forms substantially an angle of 180° with respect to the bar, co-operates with the above mentioned bearing 15. The cooperation of both parts of eccentric element 19 is such that rotating the shaft 17 results in the eccentric element 19 causing the lowering or the raising of the upper jaw of the gripper P, with a double control effect. The eccentric bushings 13 are provided with fixing radial grub screws 20, through which it is possible to ensure a better contact position of the bearing 15 with the eccentric element 19, as well as accommodate the presence of

possible working tolerances of the various portions which compose the gripper P. The fork terminal end 112 is provided between the bar 112' and the small support portion of the pin 14, and with wide side grooves avoid interference between the same fork terminal end 112 and the shaft 17. As shown in FIGS. 1 and 3, the shaft 17 has a length which is sufficient to rotatably traverse one of the lateral cams 4' of the carriage 1. A small support 21 is placed under the fix cam and is fixed to the carriage 1. A small lever 22 is square keyed on the end of the same shaft 17. The small level 22 is oriented high and in the direction of the folder 6. A lateral roller 23 is attached to the lever 22 on an end opposite the shaft 17. The lateral roller 23 has an axis of which is parallel to the shaft 17. On the portion of the shaft 17 which runs between the cam 4' and the support ring 201, there is wound a needle spring 24. The needle spring 24 is anchored to a wall of the ring 201 of the carriage 1 via end 124. The other end of spring 24 is anchored to a bush 25. Bush 25 is fixed with a grub 26 on the same shaft 17. The spring 24 is pre-loaded in such a manner to maintain the lever 22 against a lower retainer 121, integral with the support 21. In these conditions, the eccentric element 19 is in the position of FIG. 3 and maintains the upper jaw of the gripper P raised against the folder 6.